

AGENDA
HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, JULY 18, 2011
TRAINING ROOM
3300 CAPITOL AVE., BUILDING B
FREMONT, CALIFORNIA
7:15 P.M.

1. **SECRETARY CALL FOR QUORUM**
2. **CALL TO ORDER**
3. **ROLL CALL**
4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** of the June 20, 2011 meeting.
5. **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**
6. **WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS**
7. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**
8. **CONSENT ITEMS** (Routine items requiring no discussion; any Commissioner or member of the public can ask for a consent item to be moved to the regular agenda to allow for discussion)
 - 8.1 None
9. **OLD BUSINESS**
 - 9.1 HRC Work Plan

BACKGROUND: The Commission has developed a work plan that includes various tasks and events through Calendar Year 2011 and has requested staff include the work plan as a standing item on the agenda.

Enclosure: 9.1.1 HRC 2010/11 Work Plan

RECOMMENDATION: Review current work plan and entertain a motion to amend work plan if appropriate.
 - 9.2 Community Event for Joseph David Osman's "*Surrender to Kindness*"

BACKGROUND: "*Surrender to Kindness*" is a memoir and narrative non-fiction book written by Afghan American Joseph David Osman about

his time spent as an advisor to the American military in Afghanistan. Based on a Pashtun proverb, the premise of the book suggests that Afghans will never give in to violence but will surrender to kindness.

On June 23 and 24, the Commission hosted three book talks featuring Mr. Osman's book. Events were held at Cal State East Bay, the Fremont Senior Center and Fremont Main Library. Commissioners La, Campbell and Davè facilitating discussions and other commissioners helped coordinate the events. Special outreach efforts were made to the Afghan Community. This project was led by the Community Outreach Committee.

Event Schedule

Date	Time	Place	Facilitator	Cards
6/23/11	12:00 PM	Cal State East Bay	La	Johnson Shenfil
6/23/11	7:00 PM	Fremont Senior Center	Campbell	Hoffman
6/24/11	12:00 PM	Fremont Main Library	Davè	Walsh Campbell Leung

RECOMMENDATION: Provide and receive a report-out from the three events.

9.3 Human Relations Award Discussion

BACKGROUND: The Commission is considering an award to recognize individuals who have made outstanding voluntary contributions for the common good and/or sustainable change in the community and who serve the community with distinction in the pursuit of equality, justice, and human rights for all citizens. Demonstrating this pursuit could include showing leadership in inter-cultural affairs, human services, community action, or humanitarian endeavors. Individuals would be recognized in the Tri-City Voice.

At the June 20, 2011 meeting, the Commission made some initial edits to the application.

Enclosure: 9.3.1 HRC Award Application

RECOMMENDATION: Finalize application edits and decide next steps on beginning award process.

9.4 Commission Participation in San Francisco Pride Parade

BACKGROUND: On June 26, 2011, the HRC led an official City contingent of Fremont residents in the San Francisco Pride Parade. At the HRC's recommendation, the City Council also adopted a resolution recognizing June as Pride Month. The Commission also invited other City organizations to participate.

RECOMMENDATION: Provide and receive report-out from event.

10. NEW BUSINESS (Items on which the Commission has not yet had an agendaized discussion or taken action).

10.1 National Night Out

BACKGROUND: The 28th Annual "National Night Out" (NNO), a unique crime/drug prevention event sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch, has been scheduled for Tuesday, August 2, 2011. On NNO, communities throughout the country hold block parties and invite their neighbors. It is a chance for the neighborhoods to come together and get to know one another. Last year's National Night Out campaign involved citizens, law enforcement agencies, civic groups, businesses, neighborhood organizations and local officials from over 15,000 communities from all 50 states.

Locally, city staff, commissioners and elected officials traditionally have done ride alongs with fire department and police and visit the different neighborhood events.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff strongly recommends the HRC participate as it is a great opportunity to talk about the Human Relations Commission with the community.

11. COMMISSION REFERRALS

11.1 None

12. STANDING AND ADHOC COMMITTEE REPORTS (Oral reports on relevant meetings/events)

12.1 Strengthening Fremont Serving Non Profits Committee

BACKGROUND: A committee of Chair Hoffman and Commissioner Walsh works to:

- a. Participate in the Community Advisory and Engagement Board (CAEB) at Family Resource Center (FRC) – workshops and/or forums
- b. Review, evaluate and oversee the Social Service Grant Program
- c. Conduct workshops and/or forums which are beneficial to local non profits.

RECOMMENDATION: Receive committee update.

12.2 Community Dialogue and Resource Sharing Committee

BACKGROUND: A committee of Commissioner Watanuki (Lead), Vice-Chair Smith and Commissioner La works to:

- a. Educate and empower the community on important social issues.
- b. Respond to current issues and concerns
- c. Hold events, workshops, and forums

RECOMMENDATION: Receive committee update on symposium.

12.3 Community Outreach Committee

BACKGROUND: A committee of Commissioner Leung, Vuppala and, and Vice-Chair Smith works to:

- a. Improve visibility of the HRC
- b. Improve youth involvement
- c. Work with other Commissions to serve the entire community
- d. Organize a Film series

RECOMMENDATION: Receive committee update.

12.4 Advocacy Committee

BACKGROUND: A committee consisting of Commissioners Walsh, La and Campbell works to promote the needs of the community to City Leadership

RECOMMENDATION: Receive committee update and add additional committee members to replace former commissioners.

12.5 “Make a Difference Day” Committee

BACKGROUND: A committee consisting of Commissioners La and Campbell works to coordinate a city-wide day of volunteering scheduled for October 22, 2011. FY 2011/12 will be last year the City will match the original \$1,500 per year donation provided by Celebrate Fremont.

RECOMMENDATION: Receive update.

12.6 Other Commission Updates

RECOMMENDATION: Receive reports from Commissioners on relevant meetings/events.

13. STAFF REPORTS

- 13.1 Attendance Summary (**Attachment 13.1**)
 - 13.2 Calendar (**Attachment 13.2**) of HRC regular/special meetings and events.
 - 13.2.1 Reminder there will be no HRC meeting in August
 - 13.3 Wine, Cheese, and Olive Oil tasting party at Dominican Sisters – Jan 31, 2012
 - 13.4 Art and Wine Festival time slots for working the COF Booth –
 - Saturday, August 6 from 9:00 a.m. to noon - Commissioner Walsh?
 - Sunday, August 7 from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. – Commissioner Campbell
- 14. REFERRALS TO STAFF** (this is for items referred by an individual Commissioner. A Commission vote in favor of an item here means it will be placed on a future Commission agenda as an item of new business. A vote against means it will be dropped without consideration).
- 15. ADJOURNMENT**